REMARKS

The Specification and the Abstract for the above-identified application have been amended to correct grammatical and typographical errors. A marked-up version of the Specification and Abstract is submitted as "Attachment A - Marked-Up Version of Specification and Abstract." Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectively requested.

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ATTACHMENT A - MARKED-UP VERSION OF SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT

This is an attachment showing the marked-up version of the Specification and the Abstract.

In the Specification

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 1, line 21 and ending at page 1, line 24 as follows:

-- In addition, efficient collection of goods promotes recycling, resulting that manufacturers can use recycled articles and resources so that they can be environmentally, and effectively utilized. --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 3, line 8 and ending at page 3, line 14 as follows:

-- transmission means for sending the request and address information via a network in order to request from a transportation company purchase or picking-up of goods at the requester's address; and

completion information acquiring means for acquiring information that the transportation company completed picking-up of goods, via a network. --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 4, line 24 and ending at page 5, line 5 as follows:

-- transmission means for sending the request and address information to the second network device via a network in order to request from a transportation company purchase or picking-up of goods at the requester's address; and

completion information acquiring means for acquiring information that the transportation company completed picking-up of goods from the network device via a network, and. --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 6, line 10 and ending at page 6, line 13 as follows:

-- completion information acquiring means for acquiring information that the transportation company completed picking-up of goods, from the third network device via a network, and --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 10, line 20 and ending at page 11, line 9 as follows:

-- The ROM 26 stores control procedures (computer programs) of the CPU 22 in advance. When the CPU 22 executes the computer programs, processes [as] such as input and output of data, and sending and receiving of data can be carried out. The RAM 27 is employed as a work memory for input and output of data, and sending and receiving of [date] data, and as a temporal memory for controlling each structure element.

The external storage device 28 is, for example, a hard disc storage device or CD-ROM, and does not lose memory contents if power is turned off. The network interface 25 is an interface, which connects each of the computers 12 to 16 shown in FIG. 1 to the network 11. The input device 23 includes, for example, a keyboard and a mouse, performing various [specification] specifications and input of data. The output device 24 includes a display and a printer, displaying and printing screens. --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 12, line 19 and ending at page 12, line 25 as follows:

-- As payment method 43, cash or credit card can be selected. In case of picking-up, picking-up fees (recycling fees) for carrying picking-up goods must be paid. In case of purchase, a piece of the new purchase goods must be paid in addition to a picking-up fee. If

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a selected credit card <u>is used</u> as <u>the</u> payment method 43, a credit number is inputted in input

area 43a. --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 13, line 6 and ending at page 13, line 10 as follows:

--   Finally, when clicking the send button 46, the above-described request information

is transmitted from the user's computer 13 to the company's computer 12. When clicking <u>a</u>

cancel button 47, the transmission is canceled, and then the user request view is exited. --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 17, line 7 and ending at page 17, line 15 as follows:

--   Moreover, the recycling operation, such as disassembling of picked up goods, is not

performed only at the recycling center. Since picked up goods are stored until the number

of them reaches the specified quantity, staff of the recycling center may perform <u>a</u> recycling

operation at the transportation company's warehouse. Alternatively, the transportation

company himself may perform <u>a</u> recycling operation at his warehouse. --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 18, line 11 and ending at page 18, line 20 as follows:

--   This network system can promote not only picking up but also purchase. Since this

purchase promotes the sale of new goods, companies obtain a great advantage.

If a user [request] <u>requests a</u> purchase, the company can give privileges, such as servicing

ink or paper for printers free of charge and discounting picking-up fees for recycling

tickets, to the user. Alternatively, the privileges may be given to users after the completion

of <u>a</u> purchase or picking-up is confirmed on the database 50 (FIG. 5). --.

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 19, line 10 and ending at page 19, line 15 as follows:

-- According to the embodiments described above, purchase or picking-up of goods

can be performed at a requester's address. This request is executed via a network, therefore,

the user can make a request easily, allowing for promotion of recycling and effective

utilization of resources. --.

In the Abstract

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 30, line 2 and ending at page 30, line 9 as follows:

-- A communication method according to the present invention includes the steps of[:]

specifying request for purchase or picking-up of goods[;], inputting a requester's address where the

purchase or picking-up of goods is performed[;], and communicating the specified request contents

and address to the outside, via a network to instruct that purchase or picking-up of goods be

performed at the requester's address. --.